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## Transgender History: Timeline of Significant Events

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| 1907 | Harry Benjamin Meets Magnus Hirschfeld  |
| 1910 | Magnus Hirschfeld coins the term “transvestite”   |
| 1919 | Magnus Hirschfeld founds the Institute for Sexology in Berlin, Germany, which becomes the first clinic to serve transgendered people on a regular basis.  |
| 1920 | Jonathan Gilbert publishes “Homosexuality and Its Treatment” the story of “H”, Dr. Alan Hart’s 1917 FTM transition  |
| 1923 | Magnus Hirschfeld coins the term “transsexual”  |
| 1931 | “Genital Reassignment of Two Male Transvestites”, is published by Felix Abraham, M.D.   |
| 1932 | Harry Benjamin arranges a speaking tour for Magnus Hirschfeld in the United States.   |
| 1932 | Man Into Woman, the story of Lili Elbe’s life, MTF transition, and Sex Reassignment Surgery is published.   |
| 1933 | The Institute for Sexology is raided, shut down, and its records destroyed by the Nazis. Physicians and researchers involved in the clinic flee Germany. Some, unable to escape, commit suicide in the coming years. Magnus Hirschfeld dies in 1935, an exile in Paris.   |
| 1938 | Di-Ethyl Stilbesterol (DES) is introduced into chicken feed as a means of increasing meat production. Later the drug is marketed to pregnant women to prevent miscarriage, a claim that was never substantiated. The drug causes serious health problems in the children whose mother’s took the drug while pregnant; endometrioses, cancer, infertility, intersex and possibly transsexuality. (The drug is still available but no longer recommended for pregnant women.) |
| 1941 | Premarin®, conjugated estrogens collected from pregnant mares is first marketed in Canada. Two years later it is marketed in the United States.   |
| 1949 | Harry Benjamin begins to treat transsexuals in San Francisco and New York with hormones.  |
| 1952 | Christine Jorgensen is “outed” in the American press. She begins a life long effort to educate the public about <a href="#">transsexual</a> people.   |

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| 1966 | Harry Benjamin publishes The Transsexual Phenomenon..   |
| 1968 | Olympic Commmittee begins chromosome testing of female athletes, effectively banning transsexuals and some intersexed individuals (some of whom were fertile as female, with children) from competition.  |
| 1968 | Universities begin opening clinics for treating transsexuals; First surgeries performed on non-intersexed transsexuals.   |
| 1969 | Sylvia Rivera throws a bottle at cops harrassing queers at a local bar... The Stonewall Riots in New York galvanize the Gay & Lesbian community... <a href="#">Transgender</a> people are in the heart of the riot and the organizing that followed.                        |
| 1970 | April Corbet's (née Ashley) marriage is annulled and declared to be legally still a man inspite of a legal sex reassignment, leaving United Kingdom post-operative transsexuals in legal limbo, unable to marry as either sex.  |
| 1973 | Beth Elliott, aka: "Mustang Sally," becomes vice-president of the Daughters of Bilitis. Soon after, she is 'outed' as transsexual and hounded out of the organization by transphobic lesbian separatists.   |
| 1973 | New York TransActivist Silvia Rivera is followed at a <a href="#">Gay</a> Pride Rally by Jean O'Leary who denounces transgendered people as female impersonators profiting from derision and oppression of women.   |
| 1974 | Jan Morris publishes Conundrum  |
| 1976 | Reneé Richards is 'outed' and barred from competition when she attempts to enter a womens' tennis tournament. Her subsequent legal battle establishes that transsexuals are fully, legally, recognized in their new identity after sex reassignment, in the United States.  |
| 1976 | Jonathan Ned Katz publishes the connection between Gilbert's "H" and Alan Hart. He also incorrectly characterizes Dr. Hart as a " <a href="#">lesbian</a> ," effectively stealing transgender history.  |
| 1977 | Sandy Stone is 'outed' while working for Olivia Records as a recording engineer. Lesbian separatists threaten a boycott of Olivia products and concerts, forcing the record company to ask for Stone's resignation. Angela Douglas writes a satirical letter to Sister as a |

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|      | protest of the transphobia in the lesbian community in general and the virulent attacks on Sandy Stone in particular.  |
| 1979 | Janice Raymond publishes <i>The Transsexual Empire</i> , a semi-scholarly transphobic attack. In the book she cites Douglas' Sister letter out of context as an example of transsexual misogyny and casts Sandy Stone's involvement in Olivia Records as "devisive" and "patriarchal." |
| 1980 | Joanna Clark organizes the ACLU Transsexual Rights Committee.  |
| 1980 | Paul Walker organizes the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association to promote standards of care of transsexual and transgendered clients.   |
| 1989 | Billy Tipton, a minor, but well respected, jazz musician, dies and is discovered to be female... after presenting as a man since 1933.   |
| 1992 | Jean Burkholtzer is ejected from the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival by transphobic festival organizers.   |
| 1993 | Cheryl Chase founds Intersex Society of North America (ISNA)   |
| 1993 | "March On Washington" organizers include bisexuals but refuse to include TransGender in the name of the march, angering TG activists that had worked for months to get inclusion   |
| 1993 | "Camp Trans" is pitched outside of the entrance gate to the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival to protest the Festival's newly publicized "Womyn-Born-Womyn Only" anti-transsexual policy. "Camp Trans" is pitched for three years running.   |
| 1993 | TransActivists working for many years with Gay and Lesbian activists, successfully pass an anti-discrimination law in the State of Minnesota protecting transsexual and transgendered people along with Gays and Lesbians.   |
| 1994 | TransGender activists protest exclusion from Stonewall 25 celebrations and the Gay Games in New York City. The Gay Games revises rules that require "documented completion of sex change" before allowing transgendered individuals to compete.  |
| 1994 | Several cities on the west coast of the U.S. pass anti-discrimination statutes protecting transsexual and transgendered people.  |
| 1995 | Transsexual activists protest the stealing of TS/TG History by the Gay & Lesbian   |

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|      | community. Efforts by the Ad Hoc Committee to Recognize Alan Hart successfully pressure Oregon's Right to Privacy (RTP, now known as "Right to Pride") political action committee to cease using Alan Hart's old name as an award given out to Gay & Lesbian rights activists.   |
| 1996 | JoAnna McNamara of It's Time Oregon successfully convinces Oregon's Bureau of Labor and Industry (BOLI) that transsexuals are protected under existing Oregon labor law dealing with discrimination of people with disabilities and medical conditions. This made Oregon the third state to extend employment protection to transgendered people, following Minnesota and Nebraska.  |
| 1998 | TranGender activists protest exclusion from the Gay Games in Amsterdam. The Gay Games reinstates rules that require "documented completion of sex change or two years of hormones" before allowing transgendered individuals to compete. Loren Cameron, FTM transman, expected to compete, drops out of competition in protest. However, European singer and transsexual, Dana International performs at the Games' festivities.   |
| 1998 | Japan allows first legal Sex Reassignment Surgery to be performed on a FTM.  |
| 1999 | "Camp Trans" is revived to protest at the the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. Post-op MTF transsexuals are allowed to attend the festival, but confrontations with transphobic lesbian separatists occur.   |
| 1999 | In a Texas court, In Littleton vs. Prang, Christine Littleton, a post-op MTF transsexual loses her case against the doctor who she contended negligently allowed her husband to die, when the doctors' defence lawyers argue that she was never married to her late husband since her Texas birth certificate, though now amended to read female, originally read male, and thus could not be the widow as the law does not allow "same sex marriage." Her appeal to a higher court fell on bigoted ears, she was declared to be still male inspite of having taken all of the proper medical and legal steps. Thus, transsexual citizens of the United States joined those of the United Kindom in finding that their legal status is in legal limbo. |

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